

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. As of June 1954, the following prices were current in Bulgaria:

<u>Article</u>	<u>Price</u>	
White bread (800 gram loaves)	2 leva per kilogram	
Sugar	10 leva per kilogram	
Macaroni	6-8 leva per kilogram	25X1
Cheese	12-13 leva per kilogram	
Butter	20 leva per kilogram	
Meat	10-14 leva per kilogram	
Milk	2 leva per liter	
Eggs	0.5-1.5 leva each (depending on season)	
Potatoes	0.19-0.25 per kilogram	
Shoes, ordinary leather	50-90 leva per pair	
Shoes, better grade leather	80-180 leva per pair	
Man's shirt	40-50 leva (good quality)	
Man's suit	500 leva (medium quality)	

2. Bulgarian stores are sufficiently stocked with cloth and there is some choice. Cloth and ready-made suits are manufactured in Bulgaria and are also imported from Poland and Czechoslovakia.
3. Within the past 12-15 months, the Bulgarian market has started to place at the disposal of the consumer household articles and other material which had not been available since the end of World War II, such as furniture (made in series and in no way luxurious), radios, bicycles, petrol (in sufficient quantities to meet the demand), etc. Prices in this field are very high. A radio, which for the most part is of Czechoslovak or Hungarian manufacture, costs between 2,000 and 3,000 leva, depending on the power of it. A bicycle costs about 1,000 leva. Petrol for household use, about 2.6 leva per kilogram. Benzine for household use, about three leva per liter; (gasoline for autovehicles is rationed). For the most part autovehicles are used by state officials and cars for private use are very scarce.

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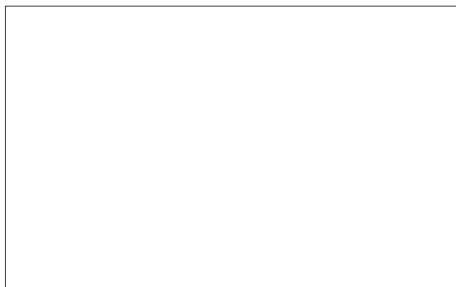
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4. The average monthly pay of an unskilled worker and of an office employee in Bulgaria is of approximately 600 leva per month. An allowance of 32 leva per month is allowed for each dependent child. A working mother is granted a total of six months maternity leave. During this whole time the factory where she is employed must pay her full salary and then rehire her.
5. Homes for rent are governed by special regulations. The proprietor must maintain the prescribed rental fees. A 3-4 room apartment rents for 60-100 leva per month.



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